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Christmas Greetings



and all good wishes for the New Year

Revolutionary Era Vignettes

(First of a series to be continued throughout our nation's Bicentennial)

THE STAMP ACT

At right is reproduction of front page of Oct. 31, 1765 edition of "The Pennsylvania Journal" protesting the Stamp Act, one of the events which led to the Revolutionary War. Upper left corner reads: "The times are dreadful, dismal, doleful, dolorous and dollar-less." Upper right corner is an emblem of the effects of what the editor termed the fatal stamp. Type under the masthead reads: "EXPIRING: In Hopes of a Resurrection to Life again." In the story, the editor says: "As the Stamp Act is fear'd to be ob-

ligatory upon us after the first of November ensuing, the Publisher of this Paper unable to bear the Burthen, has thought it expedient to stop awhile, in order to deliberate whether any Methods can be found to elude the Chains forged for us, and escape the insupportable Slavery, which it is hoped from the last Representations now made against it, that Act, may be effected." He says if better times prevail, the paper will resume publication.

The Revolutionary War began with the April, 1775 battles of Lexington and Concord and officially ended with the Treaty of Paris Sept. 3, 1783. The causes of the Revolution, however, date back to the 1760's and a series of laws passed by the British Parliament. They imposed direct taxes upon the colonists, stationed troops among them, regulated their trade and closed their frontiers to settlement. The Stamp Act required that each newspaper, deed, license, college diploma, etc., must carry a stamp costing anywhere from a halfpenny to 10 pounds. Our ancestors and their neighbors reacted bitterly to what they felt was unjustified British intervention in their affairs.

Editorially Speaking

SEPTEMBER, 1783--The Revolution and 20 years of agitation were over. The creative energies of the American people were freed. In an amazingly short time they were to settle the West, establish a firm government and enjoy a new era of peace, progress and prosperity.

SEPTEMBER, 1974--Our nation has undergone a divisive trauma and the President wants to heal the wounds. Can we, like our ancestors, put bitterness aside and work toward the strengthening of our nation, its government and

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its economy during these dismal, dollarless days of our own century? Our ancestors of two centuries ago were asked to give their lives for democracy's sake. What are you and I giving our nation?

Profile

Walter T. Carpenter: Earlham College Official

Walter Totton Carpenter was born Jan. 1, 1811 at Duaneburgh in Schenectady Co., New York to Jesse and Mercy Carpenter. His parents, following the trend of the times, packed up their belongings and headed to the Midwest when Walter was four years old. The Carpenter family settled on a Clinton County, Ohio farm five miles north of the town of Wilmington. For many years they lived in a log cabin which consisted of two rooms and a garret.

Shortly after Walter's 1834 marriage to Susanna Mabie, he moved to Cincinnati, where he was engaged in the pork-packing, silk and general merchandising businesses. His business career there was, however, cut short when his doctor warned Mr. Carpenter he had better buy a farm and spend more time out of doors; otherwise, the doctor warned, he might not live beyond the year's end.

Accepting the physician's advice, Walter moved his family to a farm near Clarksville, Ohio. Known as "White Planes," it was made into a model farm by Mr. Carpenter. With unceasing energy and his characteristic enterprise, he raised only horses, sheep and cattle of the best stock.

Walter and Susanna now had a son and two daughters. In order to give them a better education, they moved to Richmond, Indiana in 1857. They had heard much about the Friends' Monthly Meeting School there and felt it would offer their children many advantages.

The family had been at Richmond in Indiana's Wayne County barely a year when Mr. Carpenter became superintendent of the school, a position he filled with distinction for 15 years. After retiring from that office, he became a school trustee, a post he held till 1893 when he refused re-appointment.

The institution which began as a small boarding school became Earlham College. It was through Walter Carpenter's capable administration that it was placed on a stable basis during the earlier years of its existence. He was officially connected with the college more than 35 years and his friendship for Earlham students of the latter 1800's was among their cherished memories. Walter Carpenter laid the corner stone for Lindley Hall and was a member of the building committee for both it and Parry Hall.

Mr. Carpenter was also well known as a planter of trees and botanical enthusiast. He planted the numerous trees which make the Earlham campus one of the most beautiful in Indiana, prepared Earlham Drive and planted the row of maples facing National Road. The trees he set out represent more than 20 varieties of native forest trees.

Mrs. Carpenter died Sept. 30, 1908, a year before she and Walter would have celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary; she had been born in 1812 at Peekskill, N.Y. Mr. Carpenter, long an influential citizen of Wayne County, died at Richmond Aug. 31, 1910. Had he lived until New Year's Day, 1911, he would have reached the century mark. They were survived by all three children, Charles G., Mrs. D. W. Marmon of Indianapolis, and Mrs. H. C. Wright of Kokomo, Indiana.

Charles G., son of Walter and Susanna Carpenter, was born at Wilmington, Ohio May 22, 1836 and had been sent to Westtown Boarding School, a Friends' Institution near Philadelphia, before finishing his education at Earlham. Charles spent his earlier years in agricultural pursuits and married Miss Elizabeth Newlin of Smithfield, Jefferson Co., Ohio in 1866. He served as assistant superintendent of Earlham College in the office of his father prior to engaging in the milling business. Charles became connected with the Richmond Roller Mills and Richmond Corn Mills, becoming manager and increasing the roller mills' production from 30 barrels a day to 275 per day. He also served as treasurer of the Indiana Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends and was a member of that organization's board of trustees, continuing to emulate the example of service to his fellow man set by his father.

Information for above article from A.W. Young's 1872 "History of Wayne Co., Indiana," which includes a section of biographies and family sketches.

An 1801 Pathfinder

Edward Carpenter Blazed Ohio Highway

Edward Carpenter was, in 1801, the pathfinder on the Steubenville to Cambridge, Ohio Road, according to an interesting account in W. G. Wolf's old *History of Guernsey County, Ohio*.

This Edward Carpenter was a son of John and Nancy Carpenter of Virginia. A story highlighting John's Revolutionary War adventures and friendship with his neighbor, George Washington, appeared in the December, 1972 (Vol.II, No.3) issue of our *Carpenter Journal*.

Edward's father was among the first white settlers west of the Ohio River, building his cabin below Steubenville at a place then known as Carpenter's Fort. In 1797, the father moved to a place near the present site of Smyrna, subsequently settling in Coshocton County and leaving his farm in charge of his son Edward. Edward reportedly was one of 17 children, his brothers and sisters including two sets of twins and one set of triplets.

The "pathfinder" Edward Carpenter agreed, for payment in the amount of \$300., to cut a track from Big Stillwater Creek in what became Harrison County to a

point within seven miles of Cambridge, Ohio. Zacheus Biggs completed the remaining seven miles to Cambridge. We can only wonder how long it took Edward Carpenter to cut a swath through the heavily wooded area. How many trees do you suppose he attacked with his broad ax? What kind of weather favored his working days? It does stand to reason, however, that he must have been a wise woodsman, for he would have had to seek his food and shelter from what Mother Nature offered.

Having completed the task, Edward Carpenter moved to what became known as Londonderry Township, becoming the first settler of this Guernsey County community.

In 1810, the first session of court was held in Guernsey County, Ohio. One item on the agenda which won an "aye" vote was the granting to Edward Carpenter of a license to keep a tavern on the Steubenville Road. It is thought that Edward settled here in 1807 and he

has been credited with naming the place Londonderry. Early settlers also included John Carpenter and Aaron Carpenter.

According to W. G. Wolf's account, in the fall of 1812 the Carpenters killed 145 deer in the woods near their home. Wild turkey was plentiful, bears prowled near the house and wolves often attacked and killed pigs and sheep. After clearing the initial two acres of his land, Edward Carpenter sowed the first wheat crop in Londonderry Township.

In his old age, Edward's father recalled that once when he was captured by Indians while enroute to Fort Pitt to obtain salt, the Indians had marched him through the present Londonderry Township. That was many years before Edward, the eldest son, took the government contract to cut the road through Guernsey County. Someone once calculated that Edward received less than \$20. a mile for carving out of the wilderness what was considered a good wagon road by 1811. It later became the William Penn Highway and no doubt it has since cost thousands of dollars per mile for mere maintenance work.

When Edward picked out a good location on a ridge for a home to which he could bring his family, the land was then officially in Belmont County. This became his 160-acre Londonderry homestead and in 1942 Edward's great-granddaughter, Mrs. A. D. Hyde, and her husband were still living on the original Carpenter farm. Mrs. Hyde was among the eight children--including one set of twins--of W. A. Carpenter. W. A. was among the 12 children of Edward Carpenter Jr., born in 1802, and this family also included a set of twins. Edward Sr., the "pathfinder", was the father of 14 children, including two sets of twins. In compiling his history, Mr. Wolf received much of his Carpenter family material from Mrs. Hyde and her sister, Mrs. Johnson G. Stuart, although in some cases he cites other local records.



EDWARD CARPENTER, EARLY OHIO TRAIL BLAZER

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Edward Carpenter's first home for his family at Londonderry, Ohio was a small cabin built of round logs with the bark left on. The cabin's clapboard roof was weighted with poles. It was after an addition was built to the home that they opened a tavern to provide a resting place for weary travelers.

This farm remained the home of Edward Carpenter Sr. until his death in 1827 and was owned by Edward Carpenter Jr. until his death in 1882, when it was inherited by son W.A. Carpenter, the father of Mrs. Hyde. W. A. Carpenter attended Monmouth College, passed the bar exams and practiced law in Cambridge, Ohio for many years.

Ohio history and folklore is full of tales about members of the Carpenter family and the families into which they married. One of the more remarkable ones is that of Henry Williams, the Londonderry spy. He married Nancy Carpenter, daughter of original settler Edward Carpenter Sr.

This story begins with the mother of Henry Williams. Long before Guernsey County, Ohio was settled a young woman living east of the Ohio River was taken captive by the Indians and carried away to their village. Much against her will she was forced into marriage with the chief of the tribe, who had become infatuated with her. She was unhappy in captivity and ever watchful for some means to escape. One night nearly all the men left the village, perhaps to attend a council of war. Taking advantage of their absence, she slipped out unseen and fled through the dense forest in the direction she believed home to be. For several days and nights she traveled on, scarcely daring to rest for fear her Indian captors, upon discovery of her flight, were on her trail and might at any time overtake her. At length, she came to a settlement. Her clothing was torn to shreds, her body was bruised and lacerated by the briars, and she was near complete exhaustion. As she attempted to climb a fence around a vegetable patch at the outer edge of the settlement, she was grabbed by two Indians who had been following her. Attracted by her screams, some of the settlers rushed out and the Indians fled.

The sick and hungry woman was cared for in the settlement. A few weeks later, she gave birth to a baby boy, son of the Indian chief. She named him Henry Williams. When Henry became old enough to learn of the cruel treatment his mother had received from the Indians, this half Indian boy vowed he would forever be their enemy and fight them at every opportunity he got.

Shortly after his enlistment in the War of 1812, Henry Williams--husband of Nancy Carpenter--received a chance to avenge the insults to his mother. The army sent him to Canada to gather information on certain Indian tribes. He made several trips.

One of the spy's trips took him near Quebec, where he was captured, taken before British officers, accused of being a spy, found guilty and sentenced to death. He was then given 99 lashes with a cat-o-nine tails and left to finish dying. Some friends found him and a friendly doctor cared for him. Two years later he had recovered enough to make his way home to Ohio. His body lies in an unmarked grave on the old Carpenter farm west of Londonderry. His wife Nancy died in 1828.

Henry and Nancy (Carpenter) Williams left three children, Henry J., Edward and Betsy Williams. When the mother died Henry was taken into the home of his uncle, Edward Carpenter Jr. It is not known what became of the other two. Henry Williams Jr. wed Betsy Whittington, a soldier's daughter. This account was pieced together from a faded manuscript written by Edward Carpenter Jr. and details a William Whittington at age 90 recalled hearing from older family members when he was a youth.



Carpenter Gold Miner Founded Iowa Town

Chauncey Carpenter was one of the few gold miners who sought, got and kept the financial stability provided by those gold nuggets which lured so many men westward in the mid-1800's. He was the exception. Many young men of his era died enroute to the gold fields, several were murdered for their gold claims and most who managed, through hard work and exposure to the wild west, to find a sizeable amount of gold squandered their newly found fortune.

The son of Asa and Betsey (Ellsworth) Carpenter, Chauncey was born near Harford, Pennsylvania in 1830 and was yet a child when his parents moved their family to Illinois.

It was in 1851--the year he reached his 21st birthday--that Chauncey Carpenter headed for California to prospect for gold. We know little of his adventures there, but the level-headedness which stood him in good stead in his latter years got him through the gold rush days and after obtaining some gold he very sensibly returned to the Midwest to invest his riches and rear his family.

Returning from California, Chauncey Carpenter arrived in Iowa with enough gold nuggets to purchase a farm in what had officially become Bremer County the year he had set out for California. His home was the first in that area of the county and what is now the town of Sumner, Iowa sits on the original Chauncey Carpenter farm. He is known as the founder of Sumner, which celebrated its Centennial in 1972.

Chauncey prospered and founded the first bank in Sumner, becoming its president and holding that post many years. Reader Mrs. Letha Paden, who is his granddaughter, now lives in the Chauncey Carpenter home, which is pictured below. Letha's mother, Ella (Carpenter) Reif, died soon after her birth and she was taken into her grandparents' home. Grandpa Chauncey died when Letha was about four years old, so she was reared by her grandmother Carpenter. When Letha married a flying instructor during World War I, her grandmother gave her the family home. Mr. Paden, son of a Presbyterian minister, died nine years ago. Reid C. Giese, husband of the Padens' daughter Margaret, is the current president of the bank founded by Chauncey Carpenter.

"One hundred years ago the land in this immediate vicinity was a howling wilderness. At the turn of the century, all Iowa was owned and occupied by the Indians. Bremer County was the camping ground of the Winnebago, Musquaque and Pottawattamie tribes, but by 1871 there was little trace of the Indians left," Mrs. Paden reports.

"Actually, Sumner is not an old town--certainly not a pioneer town in the strictest sense. Most of our neighboring towns observed their Centennials before ours in 1972," she said. "It is said that my grandfather named the town of Sumner after a Senator friend of his," Letha reports. *(Continued on next page)*



THE CARPENTER HOME
IN SUMNER, IOWA

The home at left was built more than 100 years ago by Chauncey Carpenter, founder of Sumner, Iowa, after his return from the California gold rush. Chauncey founded the first bank in Sumner and his great-granddaughter's husband is now its president. The Carpenter home is owned by Chauncey's granddaughter, Mrs. Letha Paden.

CARPENTER GOLD MINER FOUNDED IOWA TOWN--(Continued from Previous Page)

During the early days of Sumner, Chauncey was next door neighbor to his brother Josiah Carpenter. "One was a staunch Republican and one a staunch Democrat. Many torch light parades and arguments were carried on. I played with Josiah's son Herbert. As a childhood playmate, he was so kind, good-looking, and very kind to me. Many days were spent down along the old Wapsie Creek, which wasn't far from our home, swimming, skating and just browsing along the creek," Mrs. Paden recalls. (*For story on the late Herbert J. Carpenter, see June, 1973 issue, Vol.III, No.I, of the Carpenter Journal.*)

Letha reports that the home she inherited from her Carpenter grandparents has been remodeled since the picture on the facing page was taken. "There is no fence, but the home is still very much the same and I love it," she said. Mrs. Paden also tells us all the Carpenters in her family were very tall and that many family members--including the present generation--are musically talented. Letha teaches piano lessons to Sumner youngsters, is also an artist and joined the Daughters of the American Revolution on the lineage of her Carpenter ancestor who fought in the Revolution.

THE ANCESTRY OF BROTHERS CHAUNCEY & JOSIAH CARPENTER OF SUMNER, IOWA

Asa Carpenter of Harford, Pa., father of Chauncey and Josiah Carpenter, was a son of Obadiah Carpenter (1767-1838), who moved from Attleboro, Mass. to Harford, Pa. in 1785 with other family members, including his father, Revolutionary soldier Obadiah Carpenter (1742-1810). The elder Obadiah, who died at Harford in 1810, was a son of Obadiah Carpenter (1707-1764) and Bethiah (Carpenter) Lyon, a widow when she wed Obadiah. Bethiah's father, Daniel Carpenter, and her husband's father, Obadiah Carpenter, were brothers and the sons of William Carpenter of Rehoboth, Mass., who was born in England, came to this country as a child with his parents, and died in Rehoboth in 1703.

Thus, this ancestral line has four successive generations of men named Obadiah Carpenter.

The Obadiah who served in the Revolution enlisted from Attleboro, Mass. as a private for the Lexington scare, serving 7 days. He next served with the same rank during September and October of 1776 in New York. Pvt. Obadiah Carpenter enlisted March 25, 1779 for the Rhode Island alarm, serving 21 days, and again on July 31, 1780 for a similar alarm, this time serving 10 days. In 1803, he was elected one of the first deacons of the Congregational Church at Harford, Pa., where he had settled with his family in 1785.



JOSIAH CARPENTER OF SUMNER, IOWA

Reader Traces Carpenter Ancestral Li

Ancestral data furnished by reader Mrs. Lorene (Carpenter) Coleman of 1618 10th St., Charleston, Illinois 61920 traces a branch of the Carpenter family which has had little previous exposure in print. Although there are some "mysteries" about the generations of the latter 1600's and a possible relationship to the famed Samuel Carpenter, treasurer of the Province of Pennsylvania, the line of descent Mrs. Coleman outlines is an interesting one and deserves serious research attention to the intermediate generations wherein full family groups have not yet been filled out with names and dates.

Briefly, these Carpenters first lived in New Jersey--Pennsylvania, went into Virginia at an early date, then settled in the Midwest, with family members in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Missouri by the latter 1800's. It was your editor's intent to withhold publication of this material until there was more to offer. However, since various readers are researching Virginia-Ohio Carpenter lines and yet other readers are having difficulty locating the ancestry of their Indiana, Illinois and Missouri Carpenters, the basic data forwarded by Mrs. Coleman is being summarized in this issue, with the promise of more to come, including more extensive biographical data on the Benjamin Carpenter who served in the Revolution and was a Methodist minister in Ohio.

Here is the data Mrs. Coleman's great-grandfather, James Sinclair Carpenter, wrote on the first page of a Bible he purchased in 1851:

- I. SAMUEL CARPENTER--Born about 1645 in England, came to America about 1667, and settled with his family near Woodbury, Gloucester Co., New Jersey.
 - A, B, C--Three daughters, names and dates unknown.
 - D. JOHN CARPENTER--Wed Sarah Driver (or Drivers) in Philadelphia in 1743.
 1. MARY
 2. SAMUEL
 - a. BENJAMIN
 - b. Several other daughters
 3. JOHN CARPENTER

a. SUSANNA, b. Aug. 10, 1782	e. STEPHEN, b. Sept. 12, 1790
b. REBECCA, b. Nov. 30, 1784	f. HANNAH, b. Jan. 15, 1792
c. MARGARET, b. Feb. 15, 1786	g. JOHN, b. Aug. 12, 1795
d. MARY, b. March 16, 1788	h. STEPHEN, b. Feb. 17, 1799
 4. BENJAMIN, born Sept. 18, 1745; died Feb. 3, 1809; wed Grace Morgan, to whom his first child was born; later wed his wife's sister, Mary Morgan, mother of his other children.
 - a. MARY
 - b. JOHN M.--Born 1782; died March 13, 1852 & buried in Harrison Co., Va.; he wed Elizabeth Woodward *
 - c. SAMUEL--Married twice, died in 1832 and buried in Indiana.
 - d. RANDALL--He never married; Randall died at age 23 and was buried in Ohio.
 - e. JAMES ABEL--Born Oct. 16, 1773 and died Aug. 22, 1839; he wed Mary Hays (1773-1850), daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (McFarland) Hays. Her mother, Elizabeth (McFarland) Hays, was later the third wife of her husband's great-uncle, Benjamin (See E.) Carpenter. Mrs. Coleman is able to identify only one of their children:
 - (1) JAMES SINCLAIR CARPENTER--Born March 1, 1803 and died March 26, 1874; buried in Jasper Co., Illinois. He wed 1) Mary Ann Whiting (1806-1847) Jan. 16, 1825, mother of his first 9 children; 2) Elizabeth Emeline Songer (1821-1854) July 20, 1848, to whom he had 3 children; 3) Catherine Eliza Wrightmire (1811-1869) Jan. 8, 1855; she had no children to him; 4) Eliza Jane Cowden Martin (born 1836) Dec. 19, 1869, mother of his last child.
 - (a) PETER W.--Born Nov. 25, 1825; died July 4, 1842.
 - (b) MARTIN W.--Born Sept. 25, 1827; died June 7, 1866 and buried in Moseville, Mo. He wed Mary Etherington Aug. 10, 1848.
 - (c) MARGARET--Born Oct. 15, 1831; died Oct. 16, 1831.
 - (d) JAMES M.--Born March 12, 1833.

* Ancestor of reader Frank Howe Carpenter whose family was featured in Vol. II, No. 2 (September, 1972 issue); see pg. 3 profile of that issue.

he from N. J. & Va. into Midwestern States

- (e) WILLIAM B.--Born Aug. 4, 1836; died in 1862 at Nashville, Tenn.; married Almira Grover March 12, 1858.
 - (f) SARAH JANE--Born Feb. 7, 1839; died Feb. 21, 1916; wed Francis M. Adams May 18, 1858.
 - (g) RACHEL ANN--Born July 31, 1842.
 - (h) GEORGE W.--Born Oct. 31, 1844 and died April 11, 1936; wed Sarah Short April 16, 1871. George and Sarah (1849-1923) are buried in Jasper Co., Illinois. Their children were: James W., b. 1872; Charles F., b. 1874; Mary E., b. 1876; John A., b. 1880, d. 1970 (Mrs. Coleman's father); George A., b. 1882; Alva E., b. 1885; Sarah M., b. 1887, and Katie A., b. 1890.
 - (i) DANIEL F.M.--Born April 21, 1847.
 - (j) ZACHARIAH T.--Born March 26, 1849; died Sept. 18, 1850.
 - (k) JOHN W.--Born May 25, 1851.
 - (l) MARY ANN--B. Nov. 1, 1853.
 - (m) ELIZA ELLEN--Born Nov. 2, 1870.
- E. BENJAMIN CARPENTER--Married Elizabeth Hays.
1. WILLIAM H., Born July 27, 1790 and died June 14, 1875; buried in Barry, Missouri.
2,3,4,5--Four daughters, names and dates unknown.

It must be noted by persons interested in the branch of the Carpenter family summarized above that the prime source for this data is the Bible entry of James Sinclair Carpenter in 1851. We are thus left without many names, dates and locations for members of the earlier generations. We can also only guess at what James own source for this information was. He could hardly have relied upon memory to cover 200 years and four generations of his own ancestry. It is possible, however, that he may have copied this data from an older family Bible which belonged to either his parents or grandparents. If so, he apparently neglected to copy any dates for his own brothers and sisters.

Your editor would like to make special mention of the fact that at least one segment of the data given in the Bible record has been verified from another source.

The Pennsylvania Archives, Vol.2, Series 2, has the following marriages:
--Benjamin Carpenter and Grace Morgan, June 16, 1768; Benjamin Carpenter and Mary Morgan, Aug. 10, 1772.

--John Carpenter and Sarah Driver, First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, May 2 (or 3), 1743.

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PHOTO AT RIGHT:

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARPENTER
(1844-1936)

(Mrs. Coleman's grandfather)



READER TRACES CARPENTER ANCESTRAL LINE FROM N.J.-VA. TO MIDWESTERN STATES

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Mrs. Coleman's great-great-great-grandfather, Benjamin Carpenter, died Feb. 3, 1809 in Lawrence County, Ohio. It was he who served in the Revolutionary War.

In recalling stories told by her grandfather and from interviewing older members of the family, Mrs. Coleman has pieced together the following account of Benjamin's grandson, James Sinclair Carpenter, and his family.

"My great-grandfather, James Sinclair, moved to Fountain County, Indiana from Ohio and there he and his wife, Mary Ann Whiting Carpenter, made their home and had their family, so I assume she was buried near there. She died June 21, 1847.

"Then, on July 20, 1848, he married Elizabeth Emeline Songer. My grandfather was just past age three when his mother died. He remembered this Songer woman as his mother. She died Nov. 21, 1854. They had two boys and a girl: Zachariah, born March 26, 1849 and died Sept. 18, 1850; John William, born May 25, 1851, and Mary Ann, born Nov. 1, 1853, but I don't know anymore about them.

"On Jan. 8, 1855 he married Catherine Eliza Wrightmire, but I don't find they had any children.

"Now the story goes that times got so hard James couldn't make a living for all this family, so they moved across the state line into Edgar County, Illinois, just northeast of Paris.

"After this third wife died and some of the older children had left home, the younger children and their father moved to Jasper County, Illinois in 1863. They traveled a wood road trail in a southwest direction to Casey, Illinois and from Casey went south to a little store called Yale and on a bit further southwest to where they settled. There was a dense woods, so he cut trees and built a log cabin with a big stone fireplace. This was near a creek now called Crooked Creek. I have seen the old stones from the fireplace.

"I don't know what happened to any of the children except James M., and after the Civil War he settled in western Missouri. It seems they never contacted each other except this brother James. He visited my grandparents once.

"Now for my grandfather, George Washington. During the summer of 1869, James S. left my grandpa in the log cabin and walked down to Hunt City Township to court a widow, Eliza Jane Cowden, who had three children by a marriage to a man named Martin. They were married Dec. 19, 1869. That left my grandfather alone as his father moved in with his new wife.

"The summer of 1870, grandpa went to the same neighborhood near Hunt City to work in the harvest and while staying there became acquainted with my grandmother. She was helping cook for hands at the place where he worked. They were married April 16, 1871 and moved to a log house grandpa built just north of his father's then unoccupied cabin. Grandmother was Sarah Elizabeth Short, born Dec. 25, 1849 and died March 7, 1923.

"My grandfather was angry at his father for marrying again and leaving the home place, so he didn't keep in contact with him even though they were about 10 miles apart.

"James Sinclair Carpenter died of pneumonia after a short illness March 26, 1874. For two or three years afterward, Grandpa didn't go to the cemetery to check on his father's grave. When he did go, no one in the neighborhood knew just where he was buried, so he never had a marker for his grave."

We are greatly appreciative of Mrs. Coleman's willingness to share this family data with us. It is hoped this will assist other readers in tracing their ancestry. Your editor requests that persons who write directly to Mrs. Coleman send a copy of their correspondence to the *Carpenter Journal* so we can keep posted on any new developments. Meanwhile, Mrs. Coleman might verify the death date of James S. Carpenter's third wife. The Oct. 14, 1869 date given in the ancestral outline does not agree with the account that her husband and his children moved to Jasper County in 1863 following her death and that he began courting his fourth wife during the summer of 1869.

Carpenter Data: Van Buren Co., Michigan

(The following records were contributed by reader Mrs. Lois VandePolder, 4039 S. Rose St., Kalamazoo, Michigan 49001.)

CARPENTER FAMILY MARRIAGES--FROM COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, VAN BUREN CO., MICH.

- Carpenter, Anson, age 25, and Rosa Weaver, age 18, both of Decatur, married there on Jan. 20, 1890 by A. Moulton, justice of the peace.
- Carpenter, Carrie, age 23, and Anthony Curtiss, age 23, both of South Haven, married there on Nov. 12, 1887 by Rev. A. Ferguson.
- Carpenter, Celia, and Edward Evans, both of Breedsville, married ca. June 5, 1882.
- Carpenter, Charles V., age 21, and Ella Lovelace, age 22, both of Covert, married there Nov. 20, 1894 by Rev. E. Palmer.
- Carpenter, Donald, age 21, of Cheshire, and Nancy M. Haring, age 15, of Bloomingdale, married at Bloomingdale Jan. 1, 1877 by Rev. J. B. Irons.
- Carpenter, Dora, age 18, and Stephen A. Ford, age 21, both of Bangor, were married Aug. 18, 1883 at the residence of William Ford by the Rev. A. B. Cochran.
- Carpenter, George, age 27, of Bangor, and Addie Washburn, age 18, of Arling-ton, were wed at Paw Paw May 5, 1892 by W. Mason, justice of the peace.
- Carpenter, James, age 29, and Mary Sawyer, age 23, both of Geneva, were wed there May 7, 1882 by Rev. W. Skentelburg.

CARPENTER DEATHS--VAN BUREN CO., MICHIGAN (From the archives of the *Bangor Advance*)

- Carpenter, Harold, grandson of C. A. Putney of Hartford, died of diphtheria on Nov. 22, 1892.
- Carpenter, Lucretia, relict of the late Benjamin Carpenter, died in Bangor on Oct. 1, 1888. She was born in Royals-ton, Mass. Nov. 16, 1796, and was the mother of 11 children, 5 of whom are living (in 1888). Her remains were taken to Salem, Indiana for burial.
- Carpenter, Walter B., died at his home in Bangor, Michigan on Sept. 16, 1889, age 62 years, 4 months and 5 days. He was born in Ohio in 1827 and lived in Indiana and at Coldwater, Mich. before coming to Breedsville and, 14 years later, moving to Bangor. He leaves a wife and 6 children; burial in the Breedsville (Mich.) Cemetery.

RESEARCH IN VAN BUREN CO., MICH.

Van Buren County, located in the Southwest corner of Michigan, was organized in 1829 from a portion of Cass County, also a new county at the time. This region earlier was part of Len-awee and Wayne counties. The Van Buren County courthouse at Paw Paw, Mich. 49079 has divorce and marriage records from 1837, civil court records from 1844 and birth and death records from 1867. Researchers should see the 1,149 page, 1892 *Portrait and Biographical Record of Kalamazoo, Allegan and Van Buren Counties* for data on early families of this region.

CARPENTERS WERE "ALL OVER THE MAP" IN THE 1800'S

Many families--the Carpenters among them--were on the move during the 1800's as the nation's frontier pushed ever westward. For example: Fourteen children were born to Frederick Carpenter⁹ (Uriah^{8,7,6}, Benjamin^{5,4}, Joseph³ William^{2,1}) at Warren, Mass. between 1790 and 1815. These children ended up in such diverse places as Cattaraugus Co., N.Y., Pittsburgh, Pa.; St. Joseph Co., Mich., Providence, R.I., Newbury, Kansas and Iowa. Locations for grandchildren of Frederick Carpenter, in addition to those listed for their parents, include Clayton Co., Iowa; Madison Co., Montana; Leadville, Colorado; and towns scattered from Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Vermont in New England to Indiana, Michigan and Kansas in the Midwest and ranging to California on the West Coast. Frederick Carpenter is known to have had at least 58 grandchildren scattered from Massachusetts to California.

Carpenter Marriages: Tryon-Lincoln Co., N.C.

(This list is continued from the September issue. These marriages are on file at the Court House at Lincolnton, North Carolina.)

- Paul Carpenter to Vina Lavender; Sur.: John Helton (Hilton); Wit.: H. Cansler; Dec. 28, 1840.
- Peggy Carpenter to Martin Friday; Sur.: Joseph Henry; Oct. 9, 1793.
- Peggy Carpenter to Henry Kizer (Ger.: Heinrich Kaiser); Sur.: John (Johnas) Carpenter; Wit.: Elizabeth Henderson; Oct. 28, 1811.
- Peter Carpenter to Mary Carpanter; Sur.: James Kiesr (Kizer); Wit.: J. T. Alexander; Aug. 4, 1827.
- Peter Carpenter to Susannah Lutz; Sur.: Thomas Williams; Wit.: M. Hull, J.P.; Jan. 8, 1829.
- Peter Carpenter to Sally Setzer; Sur.: James Leonard; Wit.: J. T. Alexander; April 12, 1830.
- Philip Carpenter (Carpanter) to Sally Carpanter; Sur.: David Rudisill; Wit.: J. T. Alexander; Sept. 22, 1827.
- Polly Carpenter to Bosten (Bastian) Best; Sur.: Thomas Carpenter; Wit.: J. Ramsour; Feb. 10, 1810.
- Polly Carpenter to John J. Morris; Sur.: Henry Schenck; Wit.: James T. Alexander; Sept. 29, 1824.
- Robert C. Carpenter to Martha Shitle; Sur.: William Towery; Wit.: A. S. Haynes, CCC; by: Rev. C. A. Pickens, Supt. Cleveland Ct.; Dec. 21, 1865.
- S. A. Carpenter to John R. Detter; Sur.: W. R. Edwards; by: L. M. Berry, M.G.; April 17, 1862.
- Salley Carpenter to William Baxter; Sur.: John Carpenter; Wit.: V. McBee; Jan. 14, 1819.
- Sally Carpenter to William Fronebarger; Sur.: Henry Carpenter; Wit.: V. McBee; Oct. 11, 1817.
- Samuel Carpenter to Elisabeth Rudesell; Sur.: Pete Zimmerman (Ger.); Wit.: John Dickson; Oct. 4, 1804.
- Samuel Carpenter to Jane McCormick; Sur.: John S. McCormick; Wit.: James T. Alexander; Jan. 8, 1824.
- Samuel Carpenter to Catharine Mauney; Sur.: Philip Carpenter; Wit.: James T. Alexander; Mar. 9, 1824.
- Samuel Carpenter to Polly Brown; Sur.: M. W. Abernathy; Sept. 30, 1835.
- Samuel Carpenter to Elizabeth Carpenter; Sur.: John F. Leonhardt; Mar. 30, 1841.
- Sarah Carpenter to Hugh McFelmet; Sur.: Jacob Conner; Wit.: V. McBee; Jan. 19, 1818.
- Sarah Carpenter to Philip Hovis; Sur.: Milton A. Smith; Wit.: J. T. Alexander; Aug. 26, 1830.
- Sarah Carpenter to Robert Floyd; Sur.: Peter Carpenter; Wit.: Miles W. Abernathy; Feb. 28, 1834.
- Sarah Carpenter to James H. Hill; Sur.: John F. Asbury; Wit.: R. Williamson; Nov. 26, 1845.
- Sarah Carpenter to Robert Warren; Sur.: Daniel Carpenter; Wit.: R. Williamson; Aug. 7, 1846.
- Sarah Carpenter to Ephraim Smith; Sur.: Vincent Avery; Wit.: W. R. Clark; by: Daniel Siegel, J.P.; July 4, 1861.
- Sarah A. Carpenter to Alfred E. Mullen (Mullins); Sur.: J. C. Cobb; by: G. L. Hunt, M.G.; Oct. 28, 1857.
- Sarah Ann Carpenter to George L. Hunt; Wit.: J. A. Huss; by: David Crouse, J.P.; Dec. 3, 1853.
- Solomon Carpenter to Sally Salina Carpenter; Sur.: John F. Hill; Mar. 7, 1843.
- Susan Carpenter to Willie (Wyly) Rudasile (Rudisill); Sur.: David Aderhold; Wit.: B. J. Thompson; Oct. 11, 1828.
- Susan Carpenter to John McKee; Sur.: Noah Alexander; Wit.: Robert Williamson; Mar. 4, 1850.
- Susan Catherine Carpenter to Jacob W. Friday; Sur.: Jacob F. Plonk; Wit.: J. A. Huss; by: A. J. Fox; Sept. 4, 1855.
- Susanah Carpenter to Vincent A. Faulkner; Sur.: George Carpenter; Wit.: V. McBee; May 5, 1824.
- Susanah Carpenter to Samuel Kiser (Kizer); Sur.: John Hooper; Wit.: V. McBee; Aug. 10, 1826.

Carpenter Descendant was Kansas Heroine

Carpenter descendant Azubah (Rowley) Hubbard was one of the early heroines of Kansas. She was a daughter of Nathaniel and Hannah Rowley who were wed in 1829 at Franklinville, N.Y. Her mother Hannah, born in 1808 at Warren, Mass., was a daughter of the Frederick Carpenter whose family is mentioned in the item on the bottom of this issue's page 11.

Azubah married Dwight Hubbard in Kansas in 1850. These were troublesome times for the then unorganized territory chiefly inhabited by unfriendly Indians.

The first permanent settlement had been made in 1827 at Fort Leavenworth, but the area remained sparsely settled till the gold rush of the 1840's. Kansas was astride the route west and soon became a welcome stop-over where caravans of canvas-covered wagons stopped for their final outfitting for the perilous journey ahead. Soon, some realized the Kansas region was itself quite promising and a number of the prairie schooners came to a stop there instead of continuing westward.

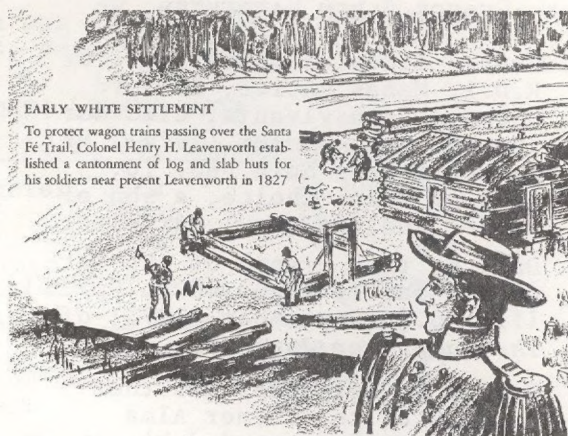
In 1852, Kansas settlers began petitioning Congress to organize a Kansas Territory. In 1854, the Kansas-Nebraska Bill created a vast territory much bigger than the present state, repealed the Missouri Compromise and left it to the settlers to decide if it should be a slaveholding or free state. This touched off a fierce, bitter struggle between those believing in slavery and those opposing it, each group importing huge numbers of settlers to gain enough support to have the question decided in its favor. Slaveholders from Missouri moved over the border in great numbers and the border war became bloodier when abolitionist John Brown led a raid which resulted in the death of five pro-slavery men.

It was in the midst of this conflict that our Azubah Hubbard literally saved the town of Leavenworth by riding through the lines of Missourians who surrounded it to procure assistance. Then, after a year of drought and famine, Kansas became the 34th state in 1861, only to have guerilla war waged along its border during the Civil War. The new state of Kansas sent more men into the Union Army in proportion to its population than any other state.

And what became of Carpenter descendant Azubah Hubbard? We don't know what happened to her husband or when she left Leavenworth, long the most important frontier military post. We do know her second husband was C.A. Wright and they lived at Leadville, Colorado. The discovery of rich silver-lead mines brought about 15,000 settlers to what became Leadville in the latter 1870's. One thing is certain: Our Azubah was smack-dab in the center of history-making events!

EARLY CARPENTER MARRIAGE BONDS--TRYON & LINCOLN COUNTIES, NORTH CAROLINA (Cont'd)

- Susannah Carpenter to Edward Grigg (Grig); Sur.: Jacob Carpenter; Wit.: M. Hull, J.P.; April 10, 1828.
- Thomas Carpenter to Polly Kiser; Sur.: Bosten (Bastian) Best; Wit.: Jacob Ram-sour; Oct. 5, 1810.
- William Carpenter to Milly Rudicell; Sur.: Abraham Carpenter; Wit.: Maxl Cham-bers; Dec. 18, 1807.
- William Carpenter to Barbara Kizer; Sur.: Edward McClurg (E. Nathaniel McClerd); Wit.: W. Williamson; Feb. 5, 1844.
- William Carpenter to Elizabeth Baker; Sur.: Allen Baker; Wit.: R. Williamson; Nov. 1, 1845.
- William A. I. (or J.) Carpenter to Rosannah Dellinger; Sur.: Adam Dellinger; Wit.: Robert Williamson; Mar. 24, 1848.
- William J. Carpenter to Catharine Fullbright; Sur.: Nicholas Carpenter (Ger.: Nicklus Zimmerman); Wit.: Miles W. Abernathy, J.P.; Feb. 9, 1832.
- Mary Carpinter to John Cox; Sur.: James Sulavan; Wit.: John Crouse, J.P.; July 27, 1800.



GEORGE ALDEN CARPENTER, 96

George Alden Carpenter, 96, of R.D.1, Manns Choice, Bedford County, Pennsylvania, died during the past summer (1974). Mr. Carpenter was born Feb. 16, 1878 at Manns Choice, a son of Samuel and Ida (May) Carpenter.

Data on this branch of the Carpenter family appeared in Vol. III, No.2 (September, 1973) of *The Carpenter Journal*.

George A. Carpenter was the husband of the former Alma Steckman, who preceded him in death on March 3, 1969. Surviving are a daughter-in-law, Arvella Carpenter of Cumberland, Md., and a grandson, Donald Carpenter of Youngstown, Ohio. One son, Vernon, preceded him in death.

Mr. Carpenter was a retired farmer and a member of the Milligans Cove Christian Church where funeral services were conducted September 29, 1974, with the Rev. Ray Mallow and the Rev. M. W. Nesselrode officiating.

NEEDED: VOLUNTEER CARPENTER JOURNAL INDEXER

Will somebody with time on their hands during the coming winter months please volunteer to index the first four years worth of *Carpenter Family News-Journal* issues so we can get an index to Volumes I through IV into print during 1975? Because the upcoming March issue will be the 16th published and marks the end of Volume IV, your editor would like to have somebody start on this indexing project as soon as possible. Will anyone interested in tackling this job please contact me for instructions?

"EPISTLE" DATA HAS REPRESENTED 46 STATES

We don't mean to keep "blowing our own horn" about the *EPISTLE*, our monthly correspondence log covering research problems of our Carpenter, Batchelor, Richmond and Rice newsletter readers. However, the *EPISTLE* has helped so many people in such a short time that we want to make sure everyone who might benefit from it gets the message.

After only four issues, the geographical index to the *EPISTLE* has included entries under 46 of our nation's 50 states! The name & place indexes in each issue make the *EPISTLE* an easy reference tool.

PRICE: \$6.50 for Vol.I (first 12 issues).

Editor's Report



WHAT'S UP IN THE MONTHS AHEAD

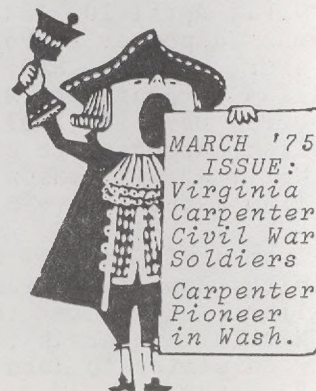
From time to time, I like to brief readers on what to expect from me in the months ahead. With a New Year just around the corner, it is a fitting time to take a forward look.

There's a big, bulging folder here in which I file material for use in upcoming Journal issues. Even though I remove from this folder enough material to fill a Journal issue every three months, it is quickly replaced by reader contributions and this particular folder keeps putting on weight!

The four 1976 issues will be chock full of material on Carpenter family members who served in the Revolution, as we join the nationwide Bicentennial Observance of the attainment of our nation's freedom.

During 1975, we will have a "miscellany issue" consisting of more than 100 separate items and covering numerous branches of the Carpenter family and various portions of the country. Also on the schedule is more data on Southern Carpenters and descendants of New England Carpenters who settled in the Mid and Far West, plus a look at more of the early Carpenter families in New York state. Our next issue will include a list of more than 100 Virginia Carpenters who served in the Confederate Army and a story about a Carpenter born in Vermont who became a pioneer of Yakima County, Washington.

Preview of Next Issue



Carpenter Census Data: Ohio & Missouri

(The following Carpenter family census data was contributed by reader Mrs. Jerry W. Carpenter of 82 Totman Rd., Dracut, Mass. 01826.)

1870 CENSUS, BROWN COUNTY, OHIO

Aberdeen Huntington Township

Carpenter, Joseph B.,	28	born	Ohio
" Mary M.	28	"	Ohio
" Nancy	65	"	Ohio
Norris, Elizabeth	42	"	Ohio
" Willie	11	"	Ohio
" Blinnie	9	"	Ohio

Joseph a carpenter by occupation;
Nancy listed as living with her
son and Elizabeth Norris as living
with her brother.

Green Township

Carpenter, Simon	56	born	Ohio
" Martha	28	"	Ohio
" Mary	7	"	Ohio
" Simon	2	"	Ohio
" James	18	"	Ohio
" Eveline	15	"	Ohio
" Columbus	13	"	Ohio

Malott, Margaret 20 " Ohio
The elder Simon was a hotel keeper
and James is listed as a common
laborer; Margaret Malott was list-
ed as doing housework.

Pike Township

Carpenter, Edward	30	born	Mass.
" Elisabeth	22	"	Ky.
" Sarah	63	"	Eng.

Under Sarah is the notation "helps
daughter"; our informant lists her
surname as Carpenter, so there is
the question of whose mother she
is.

Carpenter, David	51	born	Ohio
" Amanda	47	"	Ohio
" Jennie	22	"	Ohio
" Michael	19	"	Ohio
" Susan	14	"	Ohio
" Hannah	13	"	Ohio
" Daniel	10	"	Ohio

David is listed as a farmer and
the three youngest children as
attending school.

Pleasant Township

Carpenter, Amanda	22	born	Ohio
" William	3	"	Ohio

living with Rachel Day, 88, born
Md., & Wm. Day, 56, born Ohio.

Scott Township

Carpenter, Jno. E.	28	born	Ohio
" Rachel	22	"	Pa.
" James	2	"	Tenn.

Jno. listed as a physician.

MISSOURI CENSUS DATA

1850, Dist. 35, Grundy County

Carpenter, Jack	34	born	Ky.
" Susan	28	"	Ky.
" Lora	3	"	Mo.

1860, Trenton Twp., Grundy County

Carpenter, Jackson	44	born	Ky.
" Susan	38	"	Ky.

Jackson Carpenter is listed as a
farmer.

1870, Trenton Twp., Grundy* Co.

Carpenter, George	16	born	Ky.
(living with Barton M. Patton)			
Carpenter, Rufus R.	30	born	Ky.
" Sarah E.	24	"	Mo.
" Christopher	8	"	Mo.
" Bud	3	"	Mo.
" William B.	5/12	"	Mo.
Wooley, Martha E.	13	"	Mo.
Carpenter, Robert	21	"	Ky.

Carpenter, Barton	24	born	Ky.
" Sarah E.	24	"	Ohio
" Rufus O.	3	"	Mo.

* Our informant has listed these
families as being in Trenton Twp.,
Greene Co., Mo. in 1870; we believe
it should be Grundy Co., as that is
where Trenton Twp. was in 1860 and
the location of the present Trenton,
Missouri.

LOCAL HISTORIES

Persons interested in locating more
data about the Carpenters in the
census listings on this page should
check the following:

- 1) *Resources for Genealogical Research in Missouri*, by Jacqueline H. Williams & Betty H. Williams, 60 pp, published in 1969.
- 2) *History of Grundy Co., Missouri*; no further data on this book.
- 3) *History of Brown Co., Ohio*; no further data on this book.
- 4) *Ohio Resources for Genealogists*, by Ruth L. Douthit; she wrote books on this subject in 1960 & 1961.
- 5) *Bible Records of Missouri*, 8 volumes, by Elizabeth Prather Ellsberry of Chillicothe, Mo. 64601 and published by the compiler in 1963; available from Ms. Ellsberry.

Southern Carpenter Branch Covered in Book

My Ancestry is the title of an 89-page, card stock cover book authored by Journal reader Mrs. Mattie Belle (Carpenter) Ross and published in 1974. More than a quarter of the book is devoted to Mrs. Ross' Carpenter ancestry. Also covered are the related families of Johns(t)on (Scotland-Alabama), Hamlin (Charleston, S.C.-Alabama), Barfield (Poland-England-Alabama), Garrett (England-Alabama), Rampy (South Carolina-Alabama), Young (England-Alabama) and Ross (Scotland-Tennessee).



Book Review

The Carpenter section of Mattie Belle's work summarizes the ancient English ancestry of the first Carpenter settlers of New England, gives data on what the author believes to be the early generations of her ancestral line in this country, and covers in considerable detail descendants of the Thomas Carpenter who died Aug. 6, 1803 in Nash County, North Carolina.

This book is especially recommended to descendants of the Nash County, N.C. Carpenters. The author's line descends from Thomas of Nash Co. through his son Reuben, who died in Edgefield, South Carolina, and grandson Thomas, who lived in Georgia and Alabama. This latter Thomas was the great-great-grandfather of the author and there is a thorough accounting of his descendants.

In constructing her family tree, Mrs. Ross has traced the ancestry of the Thomas Carpenter who died in 1803 in Nash County, N.C. to his father, Solomon Carpenter, who died before 1784 in Botetourt County, Virginia, and cites records which indicate this Solomon was the son of a Joseph Carpenter who can also be pinpointed in Botetourt Co., Va. records. Mrs. Ross, along with other Carpenter family researchers, is of the opinion that Solomon was born ca. 1725 in New York Colony and that his father is the Joseph Carpenter born to Nathaniel and Tamar (Coles) Carpenter of Musketa Cove (Oyster Bay), Long Island, N.Y., and Northcastle, Westchester Co., N.Y. This Nathaniel, through his father, Joseph Carpenter, would be a grandson of the first William Carpenter of Providence, R.I.; through his mother, Hannah Carpenter, he would be a grandson of William Carpenter of Rehoboth, Mass.

Although Mrs. Ross cites numerous records and printed sources, your editor does not find among them proof that the Solomon Carpenter of Botetourt Co., Va. was born in New York, or actual verification that his father, Joseph, is indeed the same Joseph Carpenter born ca. 1693-1700 to Nathaniel Carpenter in New York. Because the New York-Virginia Joseph Carpenter link is an important one, it deserves a closer look. Your editor was guilty a couple of years ago of referring in print to this Joseph of Virginia as coming from New York. Perhaps, with the help of Mrs. Ross, I can provide the "Whys & wherefores" to back up that statement in a future issue.

Mattie Belle is to be commended for chronicling her ancestry in print so it may be shared with others. The book sells for \$5.00 postpaid and may be ordered from Mrs. Ross, 2114 Oakland Dr., N.W. in Cleveland, Tennessee 37311.

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